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BEFORE congress adjourns and the stage is cleared for a change in the management of national affairs, so far as the house of representatives is concerned, something might be done in the way of enlightening the public on the duties and limitations of the forest reserve bureau. This branch of the interior department, about which Mr. Franklin K. Lane expressed his gratification over the able administration, seems to be a law unto itself and one that concedes responsibility to no one. Organized for the protection of the forest reserves and preventing pollution of sources of water supply, the forest department has taken unto itself the right to dictate unreasonable terms to stockmen who are paying for the use of the public range. In the abstract the system is all right, but in the performance the system is all wrong. The forestry officials are intent on one aim and that is to make the best showing they can with the area at their disposal. Where they are in a stock country they take a malicious delight in making the cattlemen pay Shylock's tribute. The railroads tried to do this some years ago by collecting all the traffic would bear, but this tyrannical practice brought about the doom of the big corporations that prided themselves on closing their ears to the cries and protests of the shippers. The creation of the Interstate Commerce commission resulted from this odious practice and it would not surprise any western man to find the forest reserves taken away from their present control and placed in the hands of some one gifted with judgment and capable of computing the costs and value of a service. The present administration in this section of the country has not done anything for the improvement of the range. There has not been a solitary sapling planted on the barren slopes of what by some stretch of official imagination is styled part of the forest reserve. The ground has not been restored by seeding and the only advantage has been to settle the periodical outbreaks between sheep and cattlemen. This is admitted, and furthermore the cattlemen are willing to grant that the system of renting the public range is also beneficial if it is properly administered, but, as at present, where the rangers are taking the last cent from the stockman, the limit of endurance has been reached.

The government charge for using the range is going to be raised at the end of three years to \$1.50 per capita, where formerly it was 32 cents a head. At this rate a three year old steer, ripened for the block with a selling price of \$60, would pay the government \$45 to raise. This is due to the well known law of the range that it is necessary to carry ten head of stock to produce one marketable three year old steer. The ten head, by paying the forest reserve \$1.50 a head, calls for an outlay of \$15 a year, or \$45 for the period of growth required to fit young beef for the block. Then on top of this comes the numerous other charges, involving salt, herding, interest and taxes, which will figure out in a way that shows the stockman is netting less than 2 per cent on his investment. Money will not remain for any length of time in a business returning only 2 per cent, for the capital could be deposited in any eastern savings bank to net at least 4 per cent, while many western banks would be willing to pay 5 and 6 per cent for the use of the money.

This subject was one of the chief topics discussed at the annual meeting of the National Livestock association, in session this week at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where a committee was appointed to wait on the proper officials to place the range industry before them from the beefgrower's point of view. If the government is going to lend itself to the advance of the cost of living, the consumer must expect to pay even double the high price of beef in the early future.

HAGGLING WITH GRAVEROBBER

THE last shred of dignity in connection with the military operations in Mexico was dissipated and cast to the winds in fact last week when the government established by George Washington descended to the low level of negotiating with a band of graverobbers for the recovery of the remains of a man who once wore the honored uniform of this country. The wires do not carry the noisome details of the operation, but they carried enough to satisfy the patriotic mind that Uncle Sam had stooped to the ignoble task of trafficking in human flesh and blood by haggling with a band of lousy typhus ridden banditti for the return of the corpse of a soldier of the Ninth U. S. Cavalry. The cause of death does not cut any figure. The cadaver was that of a soldier who died in honorable service while decaying over the border and into the hands of the enthralls abounding on the south bank of the Rio Grande. Instead of making a stand and boldly demanding the body with the alternative of taking it at any cost, the noble Mr. Baker, secretary of war, insisted on bargaining for delivery of the remains. That body should have been brought back to this country at all hazards. The entire army should have been employed, if necessary, to secure the delivery and to exact prompt reparation for the outrage resulting in the death of the soldier. Had General Funston been left to his own devices that is what would have happened, but, since he had to abide by the orders from Washington, as a soldier, he must obey and swallow the insult from the ragged ruffians calling themselves an army of some robber leader.

Mr. Baker has always had peculiar ideas concerning the functions of his department. It will be remembered he was the cabinet officer who three days before election gave authoritative circulation to a report that an uprising financed by Republicans was arranged for the eve of election. He claimed to have official knowledge of this alleged fact, and, when General Funston indignantly denied having any information countenancing such a report, Mr. Baker turned the canard over to the state department, which he said had deceived him. This is also the same Secretary of War Baker who libelled the memories of the revolutionary army by stating the fathers of this country were nothing more than a pack of incendiaries and rapists whose only thought was to desecrate churches and pillage homes before applying the devastating torch.

Mr. Baker suffers from base concepts of the duties of citizenship when applied to saving the country, but, even with his low instincts, the ghoulish idea of trafficking in the bodies of dead soldiers is too loathsome for contempt.

The Democratic ring is not making a great hullabaloo about it for reasons, but it is observed that at least one party worker in eastern Nevada has been rewarded with a federal job. During the campaign it was proposed to increase the revenue force by naming some half dozen deputies, but the job was too raw and the boys chosen for the soft things of life were told to bide their time and the goods would be delivered when the voters had forgotten how faithful political workers are rewarded.

If somebody doesn't lend a hand to get that submarine off the beach in Humboldt county, California, the naval appropriation bill will have to be revised, as it is being rapidly exhausted at the present rate of progress. Submarines that insist on finding the bottom and airplanes that will not stay in the air are an awful vexation to the departments that are clamoring for half a billion dollars for "preparedness." The wrecking of the U. S. cruiser Milwaukee means a loss of \$4,000,000 in a vain effort to save a submarine worth \$500,000. This illustrates the system of sending a warship to do the work of a cheap towboat.

All the Democratic papers are shouting for Hendrick, whom they wish retained as president of the university. The same chorus was heard yelping at the Reno Journal constantly during the campaign, but nevertheless the Journal seems to have pulled down the persimmons. The people demanded the change and the people got what they went after in placing crosses opposite the names of the reform regents.

Perhaps by this time Hendrick realizes that he was nothing more than a tool used to pull chestnuts out of the fire for Pittman. He delivered the goods and no doubt will be remembered with a government appointment by the junior senator from Nevada.

There must be a dearth of real war news in France when the British intelligence bureau announces that one day the million and half British soldiers on the German line actually took 28 prisoners north of the Aene.

All roads lead to Carson City these days and it is safe to guess that the first bill introduced in both houses will be a bill for the relief of the unemployed in search of jobs at the expense of the state.

DOG FINDS THE BODY OF MAN MURDERED BY AUTO COMPANION

(By Associated Press.)

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 15.—The body of Clyde Armour, who disappeared October 23 while on an automobile trip, was found yesterday near Glorieta, about 20 miles from here. A human bone, dragged by a dog to a ranch house, led to the search, which resulted in the discovery of the mutilated body, which was identified by means of a receipt for automobile repairs. E. W. Blaneett, who was said to have left here with Armour, was arrested at Friday Harbor, Wash., in connection with the case, and is now en route to Albuquerque in custody of an officer.

A shotgun was found beside the body, from which one shell had been fired. A widespread search had been conducted for Armour, instituted by relatives, who enlisted the help of officers in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona and California. A reward of \$1000 had been offered for the recovery of the body. The body is to be brought here.

Blaneett, after Armour's disappearance, is charged with having sold the dead man's automobile and with having forged Armour's name.

The Toledo Blade is authority for the statement that there are 73,282 minutes and forty seconds. Wonder \$10,000 bills in the United States. Wonder what they do with them?—Atlanta Constitution.

An eastern woman dressed in two minutes and forty seconds. Wonder what kept her so long? We merely judge from what we see of woman's dressing.—Los Angeles Times.

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